



OKLAHOMA CHAPTER FACTS.....

I ALREADY BELONG TO THE NATIONAL AAP, WHY SHOULD I BECOME A MEMBER OF THE OKLAHOMA CHAPTER?

Advocacy

- Sued the Oklahoma Health Care Authority for failure to administer Medicaid according to federal law.
- Took this legal action to positively influence the quality of pediatric practice and the welfare of children in our state.
- Built coalitions with other organizations working toward improving children's health and well-being.
- Acted as a change agent for new immunization requirements for children attending childcare in Oklahoma.
- Promoted the interests of Oklahoma pediatricians in the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Leadership

- Developed Chapter committees in areas of member interest, including Breast Feeding, Research in Office Practice, Legislative, Child Abuse and Anti-tobacco.

Networking

- Networked with other healthcare providers with similar interests.
- Worked on issues pertaining to tobacco control through Cease Smoking Today grant, access to health care for children, child abuse, child obesity and medical education.
- Dedicated chapter website with the most up to date information.

Education

- Distributed Oklahoma Chapter newsletter and other educational mailings.
- Provided Continuing Medical Education opportunities sponsored by the Chapter.
- Sponsored the Spring 2009 CME Conference.
- Provided free participation for all Oklahoma enrolled residents.

What has your Chapter done lately?

- Sponsored numerous CME conferences attended by over 450 participants who earned CME I Credit from OKAAP.
- Maintained CME I accreditation with AACME and OSMA through 2010.
- Improved Oklahoma Medicaid for women and children.
- Spearheaded a lawsuit against the Oklahoma Health Care Authority resulting in positive benefits for Oklahoma children and the pediatricians caring for them.
- Continued to participate in the Schools for Excellence program through the Oklahoma County Medical Society.
- Co-sponsored statewide Obesity Summit in OKC to discuss childhood obesity in Oklahoma.
- Co-sponsored Oklahoma Institute for Child Advocacy's Forum.
- Developed and committed resources to comprehensive Chapter business plan addressing Chapter priorities such as Child Health Initiatives; Member Development; Education and Communications; Legislative Advocacy; Infrastructure Upgrades and Administration, Structure and Governance.

Annual Chapter Dues:

Voting Fellows - \$125

Candidate Fellows - \$125

Post Resident Fellows - \$125

Whom can I contact? Chapter Executive Director, Don Orchard, at 918.858.0298 or dorchard@upal.com

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